

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF *MYTHIMNA LOREYI* (DUPONCHEL) IN S.W. IRELAND WITH A NOTE ON THE OCCURRENCE OF OTHER MIGRATORY LEPIDOPTERA. — Between 5th September and 8th October, 1975, 14 specimens of *Mythimna loreyi* Dup. were taken in a m.v. light trap situated at Fountainstown, Co. Cork. The relatively long period of time over which the captures were made, the fact that winds were not favourable for migration during the period, and not least the unprecedented numbers taken, all point to the specimens being locally bred. A female arriving in S.W. Ireland in early July would, under the very warm conditions prevailing during the summer of 1975, have produced offspring of imagines by early September.

Other migrant species of Lepidoptera recorded from the light trap were: *Trichoplusia ni* Hübn., two (26th August, 8th September); *Mythimna unipuncta* Haw., three (4th-6th November); *Autographa gamma* L., 33; *Spodoptera exigua* Hübn., one (23rd August); *Nomophila noctuella* D. & S., 27; *Udea ferrugalis* Hübn., 133. In addition, *Macroglossum stellatarum* L., *Colias croceus* Geoff. and *Vanessa atalanta* L. were seen, and reported by others from a wide range of localities in Co. Cork, often in large numbers. *Cynthia cardui* L. was reported, but not seen by the writer, and a single larva of *Acherontia atropos* L. was brought into the Department of Zoology. — A. A. MYERS, Department of Zoology, University College, Cork, Ireland.

TRIAENODES SIMULANS TJEDER (TRICHOPTERA: LEPTOCERIDAE) FROM A RIVER IN SOUTH WEST WALES. — On 5th August, 1975, adults of *Triaenodes simulans* Tjeder were collected with other leptocerid species from marginal vegetation of the River Teifi in Tregaron bog, two miles north east of Tregardon, Cardiganshire (Grid Ref. SN(22) 687 631). Both males and females were obtained, and identified using Macan (1973, *Scient. Publs. Freshwat. biol. Ass.*, 28) and Pelham-Clinton (1966, *Entomologist*, 99: 47-50). Mr P. C. Barnard of the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) kindly confirmed the identification.

Larvae of a *Triaenodes* species had previously been reported from the Tregaron bog region of this river by Jones (1943, *J. Anim. Ecol.*, 12: 115-123) and also by Thomas (1962, *J. Anim. Ecol.*, 31: 175-205). It is, therefore, possible that these larvae may have been *Triaenodes simulans*.

This species has only been described elsewhere in the British Isles from Aberfoyle, Perthshire, by Morton, who originally recorded it as *Triaenodes reuteri* McLachlan (Morton, 1906, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.*, 42: 270-271), and who subsequently corrected the identification to *T. simulans* (Morton, 1931, *op. cit.*, 67: 16-17). More recently, two adult males of *T. simulans* were taken in 1968 from a light trap at Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, operated for the 1964-68 Rothamsted

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HYDRAECIA OSSEOLA HUCHERARDI MAB. (GIANT EAR) NEAR ROCHESTER, KENT.—I would like to report the capture of a male of this species at an m.v. lamp, near Rochester, on 2nd September, 1975. — D. A. SAUNDERS, Flat 4, Lower Fant Road, Maidstone, Kent. [This is an interesting extension to the known range in Britain of this very local moth, though we have in fact long suspected it might occur in the Medway estuary.—Editor]

MACROGLOSSUM STELLATARUM L. IN S. DEVON IN 1975. — Feeding on valerian, at Slapton Sands, two moths were observed on 28th August and one on 2nd September.—H. L. O'HEFFERNAN, 3, Coombe Meadows, Chillington, Kingsbridge, S. Devon.

MYTHIMNA UNIPUNCTA (HAW.) IN KENT. — I wish to report the capture of a single specimen of the White-speck Wainscot at Dungeness on the night of 4th October, 1975. It was a cool night and the above was one of the half dozen or so insects recorded.—P. J. BAKER, Mount Vale, The Drive, Sandhills Lane, Virginia Water, Surrey, GU25 4BP.

FURTHER EARLY NOTES FROM SUSSEX DURING 1974. — In confirmation of, and further to, Mr G. Summers' observations in East Sussex (*Ent. Rec.*, **87**: 212) concerning early emergences during the spring of 1974, I record the following notes culled from my diary.

The first male *Anthocharis cardamines* L. personally noted in flight during 1974 was near Lewes on 2nd April, and the main emergence of this sex around the 10th. However, female *cardamines* were only on the wing at the end of the month at this locality, with none being seen until 30th April. *Boloria euphrosyne* L. also appeared somewhat early in 1974, with my first being seen on 20th April and the main emergence almost four weeks later at this locality. I believe these dates may be the earliest sightings for *cardamines* and *euphrosyne* in East Sussex for at least six years.—COLIN PRATT, "Oleander", 5, View Road, Peacehaven, Newhaven, Sussex.

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